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Jails

Working of the spinning factory in Coimbatore Central Jail.

*1444 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the spinning factory in the Central Jail at Coimbatore is fully equipped and ready to work ;

(b) whether the working of the mill was stopped after a few days' working ;

(c) if so, whether the work was stopped by the Superintendent for want of a qualified person to run the engine, etc. ;

(d) whether his action was approved by the Inspector-General of Prisons ;

(e) whether the Government have refused to sanction the necessary qualified hands as suggested by the Superintendent and, if so, under whose advice it was done ;

(f) whether the Government have now sanctioned the necessary staff and, if not, whether there is a proposal to that effect before the Government; and

(g) whether any loss has occurred and is occurring on account of the stoppage of the work and, if so, to what extent ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) Yes.

(e) The Government sanctioned the staff proposed by the Superintendent of the Jail and the Inspector-General of Prisons but in fixing their pay the Government were guided mainly by the recommendations of the Jail Industries Committee.

(f) The Government have under consideration a proposal for altering the pay of certain of the spinning mill staff already sanctioned and for the employment of an additional jobber.

(g) The Government have no information.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether the factory in the Central Jail at Coimbatore is a hand-loom factory ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" The factory that is existing in the Central Jail at Coimbatore is a spinning factory. I do not know whether there is any weaving factory there at present."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (e), may I know what is the staff sanctioned by the Government on the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Jail ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I want notice, or if my hon. Friend will come to my room, I will give him the necessary information."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know how many spinning wheels are working ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. L. K. Tulasiram :—" May I know how many spindles are working there ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" Notice, Sir."

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Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" With reference to the answer to clause (g) that 'Government have no information', may I ask whether the Government have not got an Audit department or the Superintendent is not maintaining accounts and therefore whether it is not possible for them to give us the figures that have been asked for ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" It will be possible."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—" Will they call for the information ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No, Sir."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—" Why not ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" I do not think the public benefit that will be derived will be proportionate to the extent of the trouble necessary in making the enquiry."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" When the principle is admitted that there has been a loss in the working of the Mills in the Central Jail at Coimbatore, I do not know why the Government is so callous as not to call for the information asked for and place it before this House ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" My answer is that the public benefit that will be derived is not proportionate to the trouble that is involved in making that enquiry and furnishing the information."

Labour

Recruitment of labourers to Assam Tea estates from the Agency tracts.

*1445-A Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of people from each of the plains of Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Godavari districts who are recruited to each of the Tea districts in Assam and Bengal in each of the years of 1921 to 1928, both years inclusive ;

(b) the number of people that have been recruited from each of the three Agency tracts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Godavari districts for the years 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928 for places stated in clause (a) above ;

(c) the sort of control exercised by the Government on the labour recruiters ;

(d) the number of labourers that have been allowed to repatriate in each of the eight years from 1921 to 1928, both years inclusive, from each of the Tea districts of Assam and Bengal to each of the Agency and plain tracts of the abovementioned three districts ?

A.—As the hon. Member is aware 'Inter-provincial migration' is a Central subject.

(a) & (b) There is no control over recruitment for tea districts in the Bengal Presidency. As regards the tea districts in Assam, the recruitment is made in accordance with the provisions of